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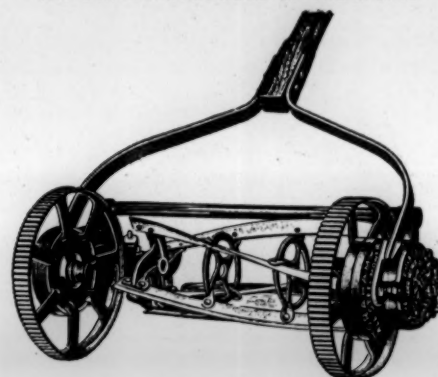
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NOVEMBER is the beginning of the shut-in season, the time when we rejoice in the fireside and the drawn window curtain. The family circle is thrown closer together, and we find more pleasure in our books, the chosen friend and fire lit fancies. How we should appreciate this opportunity for quiet introspection and the conning over of the problems of our busy lives. Too many lives today have no shut-in time to be alone with themselves or their nearest and dearest. The calls of the great activities of modern life, the allurements of society, good roads, bright streets and innumerable places of public amusement call so incessantly to the average mind that we are constantly on the go and in the crowd. And surely we do not think our best thoughts or express our best selves when we are submerged in the crowd. Our modern women dovetail so many things into their short winter days that there is little time for folded hands and the pleasures of memory. And do they not lose a great deal in life when they forego these pleasures? Are we not often appalled at the ceaseless appetite displayed by some people for pleasure in action; never a recollection or a reminiscence of the pleasures of yesterday; never any joy in contemplation! We seem to be evolving a race which does not know how to enjoy through recollection. Is it because we are so young a nation and recollection is not an attribute of youth! The power and talent to recollect can, however, be cultivated in us all, and it brings with it a sense of appreciation, perhaps, for we can then see the benefits bestowed in a clearer perspective when time has removed them a little into the past. And this brings us to a sense of Thanksgiving and the November twilight with our national holiday. Thanksgiving is a time of memories, for only through memory can we be grateful for past blessings and deliverances. So, as November draws its brown curtains and all the green things of earth go to sleep, let us treasure our golden store of memories of past kindnesses and good fortune, and, in the end, remember that all these good gifts are from a Divine hand, which expects gratitude from mankind.

PUBLIC health is the topic foremost in the minds of American clubwomen this autumn. All State federations are giving special sessions to the subject at their conventions; the General Federation has constantly been upholding Dr. Wiley's hands in his efforts for pure food, and co-operation with public boards of health is the earnest endeavor of organized clubwomen everywhere. Their interest was primarily enlisted in the fight against tuberculosis, and the great headway being made in the battle with this enemy to public health has been in part due to their sympathy and co-operation. In the home, in the school and in the community they have been on the alert in this battle against disease; the malarial mosquito, the deadly house fly have engaged their attention; they are constantly pressing the matter of medical inspection in the public schools, and many clubs have been instrumental in installing school nurses, while visiting nurse work in America is almost entirely under the management of

women's organizations. And now social hygiene is looming up on their horizon, and they are earnestly considering ways and means by which this subject may be handled in the home, the school and the clubs for the relief of humanity. The spread of contagious diseases of all sorts is in a large measure under the control of women; the mother and the nurse in the sick room do a large share of the work in the prevention of contagion. Boards of health may establish quarantines, but the intelligent and unselfish womanhood of a household or a community has it in its power to stop the leaks in these quarantines, which too often are only on "pasteboard."

With these thoughts in mind we would urge the continued attention of clubs during the coming winter to the study of the problems of public health. The General Federation has a well organized department ready with helpful suggestions for programs to arouse interest in the subject, and plans for work after the interest has been aroused. But we would remind the individual clubwoman, however, that in the end the success of all these endeavors is due and depends upon her personal efforts and the efforts of small groups or clubs in various committees. The departments can formulate plans and point out remedies for existing evils, but the small local group is the unit upon which the work depends. Individual responsibility is the last court of appeal, and it is to this awakening of the sense of individual responsibility that we owe so much of woman's endeavor for her community life today. Her interest in public health is a valuable asset to her community, and its intelligent direction into proper channels is the hoped for end of club endeavor.

THE National Municipal League will hold its annual meeting in Richmond, Va., November 13th-17th. This is the first time in its seventeen years of existence that the league has held a meeting south of Baltimore or Louisville, and, in view of the fact that during the past decade the South has been so active along all lines of civic endeavor, there is a promise that this meeting will be one of great usefulness and inspiration. Leaders in civic work, publicists and social service workers in the South should make an effort to be present at this meeting, bringing to it their personal experience with their local problems, and getting from it that "other point of view" which is so necessary in handling any problem which deals with the multitudinous possibilities of human nature.

THE naming of public schools for patriotic citizens is one of the municipal honors of the day. The city of New Orleans has recently named its new "Girls' High School" for Miss Sophie B. Wright, one of the city's most valued and efficient citizens. Miss Wright established the first night school in her native city, and has been a leader in its educational and philanthropic life for the past twenty years. The new school named in her honor occupies a whole square, and is situated on one of the principal boulevards. This is one of many public honors which the city has bestowed on this well beloved woman.

A PERFECT FILE OF THE KEYSTONE is desired by the Charleston, S. C., Library. The publishers are desirous of securing copies of April, 1902, and August, 1902, to complete this file, and will pay twenty cents a copy for either of these two numbers. Subscribers who do not file their *Keystones* will confer a favor if they can supply these copies to *The Keystone*.

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. John Russell, Greenville, S. C., Corresponding Secretary, S. C. F. W. C., Manager.

President—Mrs. J. M. Visanska, 12 Bull Street, Charleston, S. C.
Recording Secretary—Miss Mary Waterhouse, Beaufort, S. C.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. John Russell, Greenville, S. C.
Treasurer—Mrs. Frank B. Gary, Abbeville, S. C.
(87 Clubs—5,300 Members.)

SOUTH CAROLINA clubwomen are reminded of the bill relating to the establishment of a Juvenile Court, presented to the State legislature (now at its second reading), which they endorsed last year, and which they have promised to work for again this year. All clubwomen are referred to the editorial on this subject, which appeared in the October *Keystone*, and to give this question their careful consideration, and to bring the matter to the attention of their Representatives in the House and Senate.

THE CHAIRMAN of the Library Extension Department, Mrs. Avery Patton, Greenville, has been appointed in place of Mrs. Lewis Parker, resigned. Mrs. Patton is now rearranging the libraries and requests all clubwomen who have libraries, or who know where any are located, to communicate with her on this subject, so that she can plan for the Library Commission Bill, which the Columbia convention authorized the chairman to present again this year.

THE PRESIDENT of the South Carolina Federation, Mrs. Visanska, has accepted an invitation to deliver an address on the *South Carolina Federation* at the opening session of the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs, in Bainbridge, Ga., November 7th. The State president has also been invited to bring greetings from the South Carolina Federation to the D. A. R. Conference at Chester, S. C., November 7th, and to the U. D. C. Convention in Greenwood, November 21st; in her absence some member of the Federation will present the greetings. At the Conference of Charities and Correction, to be held in Columbia November 23d-24th, Mrs. Visanska will take part in the discussion of "*Our Burden of Feeble-mindedness*." It is to be regretted that this important conference should be held during the meeting of the U. D. C. Convention in Greenwood; as this conflict of dates will prevent many able women from attending the Conference on Charities.

THE ROCK HILL CLUB women are much encouraged over their library situation. The club women conducted the campaign and then called on the Chamber of Commerce to conduct election. The mayor gave a beautiful lot and Dr. D. B. Johnson went to New York to interview Carnegie's secretary.

The City Federation unanimously endorsed the recommendations of the health officer and at a special council meeting to hear club women a *sanitary department* was created by council with authority to spend necessary amount. The club women also took measures to prevent the sale of ice cream cones on the streets as a menace to health.

MRS. ALEX. LONG.

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications to Mrs. F. E. Brown, Manager, 923 S. Jefferson Street, Roanoke, Va.

President—Mrs. W. W. King, Staunton.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. P. H. Heydenreich, Staunton.
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(16 Clubs—1,800 Members.)

THE Woman's Civic Betterment Club, Roanoke, will work towards securing the passage of a city ordinance creating a park commission, looking to the proper care of the public grounds, which are yet unimproved; and the establishment of permanent playgrounds under the city's control. During the summer of 1910, the club operated two playgrounds with some financial help from the city; but we believe the greatest success lies with the playgrounds as wholly municipal property. After several years of tireless effort, the women of Roanoke have seen the establishment of an ideal health board, with properly qualified health officers, and already the reform—the sale of some foods, especially milk, has been marked; there remains much to be desired, because reforms are of slow movement, and the market conditions are far from perfect; but the third line of work is the agitation of the question of improved market conditions. On October 18th, Mr. Alfred Tennyson Dickens, son of the famous novelist, lectured at the Academy of Music, under the auspices of the club; the fostering of high-class entertainment has been one of the methods for civic improvement in which the club has felt its success. The first meeting of the club, in its new quarters at Elmwood Park, was marked by earnest enthusiasm; the tireless president, Mrs. M. M. Caldwell, impressed the members with the fact that the year was to be one of strong and vigorous effort; the strength of the club lies in its subdivision into committees, or departments, working along distinct lines, yet all pulling strongly together when the necessity arises for united action.

FROM STAUNTON, we learn of a most successful "yard contest" just closed; the Civic League were fortunate in securing Dr. Lambeth, of the University of Virginia, to act as judge; we quote from the closing paragraph of his report to Mrs. W. W. King, president: "I cannot conclude this report without a few words of a general nature. A stranger could not but be impressed with the beauty of the front greens; the discriminating taste in the arrangement of flowers; the exhilarating contrasts in bloom and foliage, and the pleasing harmony of colors. But beautiful and satisfying as were these things, it was the back yards, with their splendidly arranged brick, gravel or cement paths, their well ordered beds of flowers and vegetables, that offered astounding revelation. Nowhere, in the one hundred yards that I visited, was there any filth or uncleanness; seldom a lack of taste; and never untidiness. On many of the premises, I was in the presence of the ordinary domestic activities, where even the work of the laundry was sweet, clean and very inviting."

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

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President—Mrs. R. R. Cotten, Bruce, N. C.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. G. W. Whitsett, Greensboro.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss M. I. Bridgers, Tarboro, N. C.
(71 Clubs—2,400 Members.)

DURING the past month the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs have been very active. Educational and Civic problems—so far, have received the widest consideration, but many clubs are doing excellent work in philanthropy, public health, providing physicians and the district nurse, and clothing for the poor. The maintenance of public playgrounds, and parks, the preservation of trees, and establishing traveling libraries in every county of the State where there are no libraries. The continuous organization of new departments in the individual club emphasizes the fact that never have the clubs resumed activities with more spirit, all of which heralds the progress of the Federation under the able leadership of Mrs. Robt. R. Cotten, the beloved president of North Carolina. Mrs. Cotten possesses rare abilities, high ideals, a charming personality, and with her wide experience great results may be expected from the North Carolina Federation.

THROUGH the efforts of Mrs. E. P. Tingley, chairman Music, the gift of five scholarships in music from the various colleges of the State, have been placed at the disposal of her department. These, with the five reported at the convention, make a total of ten. Of this number secured two were not musical, and, therefore, were turned over to the Educational Department.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB, of Raleigh, the largest and most influential of the Federation, held its first regular business meeting in its own handsome clubhouse on October 5th. With a full attendance an inspiring address was made by the new president, Mrs. T. P. Harrison. The programs for the coming year are unusually attractive and comprehensive. In the *Art Department*, Mrs. Jacques Busbee, chairman, besides three unusually fine exhibits, six lessons each, are offered in basketry, out-of-door sketching, china decoration and instructions in free-hand drawing. The *Department of Education*, Miss Royster, chairman, promises to be delightful and full of innovations. Among other features will be conferences and lectures on "Some Causes of Mental Retardation in the Schools and Their Prevention." "The Subnormal Child," "Oral Hygiene," "The Necessity for Medical Inspection of School Children." In the *Department of Household Economics* special attention will be given to Bread Doughs and Home Dressmaking. The *Department of Literature* offers three very fine lectures, in addition to the study of Shakespeare's Women. The *Department of Music* presents four Wagnerian programs. Mrs. Wade Brown, chairman, spent last year studying abroad, and a most valuable year is anticipated. The *Social and Civic Service* Departments have provided interesting lectures and discussions. Better still, plans are nearly perfected to enlist the children in the work of making a cleaner Raleigh, giving them at the same time most valuable training in citizenship.

THE CURRENT LITERATURE CLUB (Asheville), held its first meeting of the season with a most interesting program on Civics. So much enthusiasm was aroused that the president appointed a special committee to consult with the other clubs of the city, and provide ways and means for a public meeting, where the discussion of a Civic League should be held, and efforts made to form such an organization.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB (High Point), one of the youngest in the Federation, has formed a new department on health, composed of twenty-five members. Very recently this enthusiastic club organized a music department, which bids fair to add much to the culture of its members and social life of High Point.

THE NORTH CAROLINA SOROSIS (Wilmington), assembled with renewed inspiration early in October, which is the first time in the sixteen years' existence of this club that meetings have begun before the month of November. The most important feature of this meeting was the formation of a new department—*Civics*. It is an outgrowth of the Civic Committee, which has accomplished much toward a more beautiful and healthful condition for Wilmington. The Literature Department will study Greek literature; the Art Department will correlate with this department by studying Greek art. German music will be taken up in the Music Department; and the study of Textiles in the Home Science Department.

THE EUTERPE CLUB (Greensboro), the oldest music club in the State Federation, enjoyed last year a series of musical studies recommended by the National Federation of Musical Clubs. It is now taking up the fifth year course, including a general study of Russian music, which, together with other attractive features, suggests that the coming winter will be one of serious work as well as of social enjoyment for the students of music who are its members.

THE REVIEWERS' CLUB (Greensboro), has a very attractive year book, and the carefully prepared program promises a most profitable club year. Continuing the Romantic Period of English Literature, they will begin with a study of The Holy Grail, ending with Dickens, as author and reformer.

THE FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB (Greensboro), has arranged an ambitious course of literary research, the list of authors studied including such names as De Quincy, Carlyle, Macaulay, Bacon, Samuel Johnson, Ruskin and others.

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President—Mrs. J. S. Frederick, Miami.
Recording Secretary—Miss Charlotte Keelor, Sanford.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. E. Rickmers, Miami.
(39 Clubs—1,641 Members.)

THE Woman's Club, of Jacksonville, will entertain the Federation at the approaching Convention, November 13-16. Convention opening Monday evening. Accommodations will be provided for the delegates at the Hotel Seneca, corner Duval and Ocean streets. The State Conference for Charities and Correction will also be held in Jacksonville during the remainder of the week. The Federation is acting as sponsor for this, and all members are urged to attend its meetings; but of course all remaining for its meetings will have to do so at their own expense, as the Conference is not entertaining delegates.

The constitution of the Federation will be revised during the Convention, to provide for districting the State, also for increasing the ratio of representatives at the Convention.

Please instruct all delegates as to their vote in these subjects.

Also, will each club please send list of officers and number of members, with credential card and receipt for dues.

A. E. FREDERICK,
President Florida Federation.

Program for the Jacksonville meeting is as follows:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH.

8:00 p. m.—*Invocation*, by Rev. J. W. Graybill.
Addresses of Welcome—For city, by Mayor W. S. Jordan; for Board of Trade, President F. P. Conroy; for the club, Mrs. Wm. B. Young.
Response, Mrs. Wm. Hacker, first vice president Florida Federation.
Address, by Mrs. Thos. M. Shackleford, guest of honor, ex-president of Florida Federation.
Informal reception.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH.

9:00 a. m.—*Meeting* of board of directors and credential committee.
10:00 a. m.—*Convention assembled.*
Reports of officers, president, corresponding secretary, treasurer and auditor.
Reports of General Federation secretary, Mrs. E. G. G. Mensell.
Report of official organ, *The Keystone*.
Reports and general discussion of departments of Club Extensions, Mrs. J. A. Crosby; *Library Extension*, Mrs. Chas. Harper; *Art*, Mrs. C. O. McLaughlin; *Bird Protection*, Mrs. E. E. Coulson; *Reciprocity*, Mrs. Frank Rogers.
Fraternal greetings from other organizations.
2:30 p. m.—*Reports and discussions* from departments of *Civics*, Mrs. George Gay; *Household Economics*, Mrs. L. W. Duval.
Address, Prof. Rolfe, State Agricultural College.
Report chairman forestry committee, Mrs. Kirk Munroe.
8:00 p. m.—*Music.*
Medical Inspection in Schools, Dr. Hiram Byrd.
Hygiene in Physiology in the Graded Schools, Mrs. C. J. Huber.
School Sanitation.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH.

10:00 a. m.—*Reports of chairmen of following departments: Social Conditions*, Mrs. M. E. Randall; *Education*, Mrs. A. J. Farrar; *Health*, Mrs. C. J. Huber; *Legislative*, Mrs. Henry Wight.
Federation Scholarship, Mrs. T. M. Shackleford.
2:30 p. m.—*Three-minute reports* of federated clubs.
8:00 p. m.—*Musical*, Mrs. Arnold Goldy.
Lecture, by Dr. Phillips, State College for Women.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH.

10:00 a. m.—*New business.*
2:30 p. m.—*Reports of special committees.*
"Venice," Mrs. S. D. Carpenter.
Election of delegates to San Francisco Biennial.
8:00 p. m.—Dr. Devine.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH.

9:00 a. m.—*Meeting of board of directors.*

MISSISSIPPI FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Mississippi to Mrs. John W. Patton, Manager, 1339 N. State Street, Jackson, Miss.

President—Mrs. Wm. Richard Wright, 406 N. State Street, Jackson
Recording Secretary—Mrs. George S. Beall, Jr., Durant.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Marie Henry, Jackson.
(65 Clubs—1,200 Members.)

WOMAN'S DAY at Meridian, during the Mississippi-Alabama Fair, was a great success, and Mrs. W. R. Wright, President of the Mississippi Federation, made an able address on the work of the Federation before a large and appreciative audience.

WOMAN'S CLUB DAY at the Jackson Fair promises to be a brilliant occasion, as representatives from 70 clubs are expected. Mrs. C. M. Williamson, State Regent D. A. R., and Mrs. W. R. Wright, President of the Federation, assisted by the Jackson ladies, are working to make it a day of pleasure and profit to the clubwomen. Among the entertainments planned for the visitors is a reception by Mrs. Wright at her beautiful home on North street.

• Child Labor in South Carolina.

THE South Carolina Child Labor Committee held an important meeting in Columbia October 10th, with a full attendance. Dr. Cromer, who has been chairman for the past year, resigned, and Mr. Jos. A. McCullough, Greenville, was elected in his place. The committee indicated that it regarded the amendment secured to the child labor law as a distinct and decided gain, and that the marriage license law was very gratifying. It reaffirmed its position relative to a *birth registration* bill, and directed the secretary to confer with the State Board of Health as to whether the bill now pending in both House and Senate ought to be amended, and in what respects. A *compulsory education* bill was the subject of greatest moment to the committee, every member having positive opinions on the subject. No definite bill was decided upon at this meeting, but a committee, Mr. Hand, Bishop Guerry and Mr. R. I. Manning, was appointed to draft a bill and submit at the next meeting, November 23d, in Columbia. It is possible that the subject of a *night messenger* bill will also be taken up at this next meeting. Clubwomen all over South Carolina should co-operate with this committee in its efforts in behalf of the children of the State.

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STATE SEAL. With much regret we announce the decision of Mrs. Williams to give up the chairmanship of the State Seals. The complication under the Health Department of seeming conflict with the Red Cross Stamp warranted the board in removing it from that department and making it a special committee.

If any State wishes a seal for work at any time, will the president confer with the Bureau of Information, Mrs. Mary I. Wood, Manager, Portsmouth, N. H., she will give all information and assistance, until further action can be taken by the board.

EVA PERRY MOORE.

THE PRESIDENT of the General Federation, Mrs. Moore, makes a plea for the endowment fund, asking all State Federations and individual clubs to make contributions to this fund, which was endorsed at the Cincinnati Biennial, in the various recommendations of the president.

THE PRESS COMMITTEE comments on the work done in Public Health and Conservation by Maryland, Utah, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Vermont, Louisiana, Illinois and Ohio.

THE Literature and Library Extension Department, General Federation of Women's Clubs, makes the announcement that it has endorsed The Drama League of America, and that this endorsement was confirmed by the General Federation Board at the Council meeting in Memphis, May, 1911. As a result of this action The Drama League of America has become affiliated with the Literature and Library Extension Department of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The Drama work of the Literature Committee will be conducted through the Education Committee of The Drama League. Correspondence may be addressed to Mary Gray Peck, 4581 Oakenwald Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

The Literature and Library Extension Department presents a statement of the aim and scope of The Drama League of America as follows: The League was organized at a meeting in The Art Institute of Chicago, April 25, 1910. Its aim is to educate the public to a discriminating appreciation of the drama as an art and a social influence. It encourages the production of good plays by using bulletins which point out their merits and recommend attendance. It organizes study clubs and classes in drama throughout the country, furnishes courses, lists of plays and lectures, and uses its influence with managers to provide worthy attractions. Its affiliated membership has reached 20,000. A fee of one dollar entitles one to direct membership, five dollars to supporting membership, in the League. Direct members receive all play bulletins and occasional publications issued by the headquarters at Chicago.

The present Literature and Library Extension Committee, in its first announcement, 1910, mentioned the formation of a drama section in its program, scheduled as Course 5. Two syllabi by Mary Gray Peck, "An Outline Course in the Development of English Drama," and "An Outline

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102. "A Virginia Girl in the Civil War," by Mrs. Myrta Lockett Avery. D. Appleton & Co., New York.
103. "The Constitution of the United States," by Hon. John Randolph Tucker.
104. "North Carolina Regimental Histories in Five Volumes," by Judge Clark, Secretary of State, Raleigh.
105. "Bill Arp's From the Uncivil War to Date," by Hon. C. H. Smith. Hudgins Co., Atlanta, Ga.
106. "Hampton and His Cavalry," by E. L. Wells. B. F. Johnson Co., Richmond.
107. "Southern War Songs," collected and arranged by W. L. Fagan. M. F. Richardson & Co., New York.
108. "Life of R. E. Lee," by Dr. H. A. White, Ph. D., formerly professor of history at Washington and Lee University. Silver & Burdett, publishers, Atlanta, Ga.
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 (113 Chapters—7,203 Members.)

THE Sixteenth Annual Convention Virginia Division United Daughters of Confederacy, held in Roanoke, Virginia, October 3-7, was the largest, and, in many respects, the most important held in the history of the organization. One hundred and eighty-five delegates were registered, and of the 105 chapters in good standing, 98 were represented.

The report of the registrar, Mrs. Hardaway, showed the numerical strength of the division between 7,000 and 8,000, with the voting strength of the convention 254. The opening exercises were held on the evening of October 3d in the Sunday school room of the First Baptist church, Roanoke, through the William Watts Chapter U. D. C. The Camps of Veterans and Sons of Veterans and its Chamber of Commerce extended the daughters a royal welcome, to which the gifted State President, Mrs. Nathan D. Eller, responded in her always graceful style. A very beautiful innovation, for

which the division is indebted to Mrs. Eller, was the holding of the memorial service on this evening, thus remembering and honoring our beloved dead immediately upon our coming together. The reaper has been busy in the Virginia Division this year; two honorary presidents, Mrs. Wm. Mahone and Miss Mary Amelia Smith, and the custodian, Mrs. Timberlake, the dear little lady with the curls, having passed to the Great Beyond. Many other names so dear were read during the solemn moments spent in memory of our dead. The service so impressively conducted by the second vice president, Mrs. Neely, concluded with that dear old hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."

Wednesday morning the business meetings began, the convention opening as always with prayer and the beautiful U. D. C. ritual. Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone, ex-president U. D. C., was present during the convention, and gave many words of kindly advice and wise counsel. The reports of the officers were excellent, the work of Miss Kensett, first vice president, proving that this office is not as is sometimes supposed, a sinecure. Mrs. Eller has made a most efficient president, and her plan, inaugurated this year, of dividing the State into districts with a chairman in charge of each, holding district conferences midway between the annual conventions, has proven most effective, as evinced by the chapter reports, each of which were concise, interesting and showed the division to be in excellent condition. The relief work was also inaugurated this year with Mrs. Norman Randolph as chairman of the committee. Already over \$660 has been given by the chapters for this purpose, which is the assistance of old ladies, mothers, widows, sisters and daughters of Confederate soldiers, by paying them a stipulated sum monthly. The chapters in Virginia also appear to be arousing to the importance of contributing to the State room in the Confederate Museum. The report of the Arlington Monument Committee evinced, as always, the wonderful ability of its splendid director, Mrs. Thos. S. Bocock. The Maury monument still progresses under the leadership of its indefatigable chairman, Mrs. Frank Anthony Walke. Shiloh has also made its banner year, \$322.90 having been raised in Virginia for this monument since the last convention. The educational work in which the Virginia Division once felt itself deficient, has made rapid strides under the leadership of Mrs. Jas. T. Hart. Many scholarships have been secured by chapters; medals and prizes are offered, and books and pictures placed in the public schools. This year a scholarship was given the division at the State Normal School, Farmville, and the necessary sum for living expenses of the student was readily secured. One offering which the convention most enthusiastically made was of \$100 to the John W. Daniel monument to be erected at Lynchburg, Va. Mrs. Jas. E. Alexander enthused her hearers with her report as recorder of crosses, reporting 16,425 crosses of honor bestowed by Virginia, more than one-third the number given by the entire body U. D. C. Mrs. Alexander also added much to the interest of the historical evening by her story of the capture of the flag by the 17th Virginia regiment and its recent return. Other papers, with readings, music and song, made this evening one long to be remembered.

Socially, nothing was left to be desired, receptions, a trip to Mill Mountain, the delightful midday lunches gave the needed relaxation between business sessions. The closing evening was a regular love feast. Several tokens of love and esteem in which the division holds the retiring president, Mrs. Eller, were presented, after which Mrs. Eller turned over the gavel to her successor, and in a few well chosen words introduced each of the newly elected officers to the convention. After singing our parting song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the convention adjourned to meet in Harrisonburg October, 1912.

Officers for 1911-12:

First Honorary President, Mrs. Jas. Mercer Garnett.
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 Historian—Miss Rebecca Cameron, Hillsboro.
 (91 Chapters—4,300 Members.)

THE Winston-Salem Convention.—The members of the North Carolina Division are busy in preparation either for attending or entertaining the Annual Convention in Winston-Salem October 25-27, and the General Convention, which takes place at Richmond. Indications are that attendance at both meetings will be large from this State.

Social Features.—The opening reception given by the hostess, the James B. Gordon Chapter, will take place Tuesday evening, October 24th. Wednesday afternoon, the 25th, the D. A. R. will receive from 4-6 at the home of their State Regent, Mrs. W. N. Reynolds; Thursday afternoon an automobile ride at the close of the business session; that evening the gentlemen of the Twin City will give a reception to the division. Friday afternoon, 4-5, Salem College (the oldest college for women in the South, the alma mater of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, and the refuge of girls from all over the war-tortured South from '61-'65) will give a musical recital. Each day the midday luncheons will be served by the entertaining chapters in the Board of Trade rooms.

Business Matters.—The business sessions will be held in the high school auditorium, and begin Wednesday morning. The policy of the year, as set forth by the president in her

annual letter at the beginning of the year, was to complete work at hand, to centralize effort on what is begun before looking into future demands for U. D. C. labor, and this has been done.

The Wyatt monument has been finished, and the chairman, Miss Margaret Etheridge, will present her plans for the unveiling.

The Chapel Hill monument is to be unveiled at the next University commencement, the efforts to complete it for the fiftieth anniversary having failed; incompleting work now is the museum endowment fund, and the memorial arch at Raleigh. Of course, there is the continuous work that always requires committees, educational, Soldiers' Home, etc. A very important matter is what procedure will be made for the Home for Wives and Widows since the State Legislature acted adversely on a plea that they should build and maintain such a home in connection with the one for the veterans in Raleigh, the U. D. C. agreeing to furnish and equip it.

The Conference of Children's Chapter Work is called for Thursday the 26th, one hour before the convention is called to order in the high school building. Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone, ex-president general, is expected to be one of the speakers. The purpose of the meeting is to get the benefit of close personal contact of leader with leader and suggestions and inspiration for future work.

The Executive and Credential Committees will meet Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Eugene Little, the former splendid treasurer of the division and president of Anderson County Chapter, is chairman of the latter committee, the other comprises the State officers.

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The Bible as Literature.

THIS subject has been continually urged by the General Federation of Women's Clubs as a suitable topic for a year's study in a literary club, and several times outlines for this program have been offered by the General Federation Committee on Literature. This year Mrs. Francis Squire Potter, the chairman, has prepared an outline on "Old Testament Literature," and Mrs. C. E. Whitney, one on "New Testament Literature." Mrs. Potter has a deep appreciation of the subject she handles and in an article in *The Housekeeper*, entitled "The Word, Yesterday, Today and Forever," says:

One must pause to realize what the Bible represents irrespective of its claim to being the inspired word of God. One does realize it only after recalling how many lives it has cost, how many times it has been drenched with blood, how many wars have been fought over it, how many of the world's greatest pictures and statues and buildings have been painted and carved and built to enshrine it, and lastly, how many poems and dramas have been written, how many masses and oratorios have been sung, and how much of the sublimest orchestral and organ music has been composed and rendered under its inspiration. There is no other book in the world which has so vitally influenced modern civilization, no book which has aroused such passionate hatred and passionate love.

Its known history goes back twenty-five hundred years and it takes us into an alien race and an oriental civilization. It was as sacred then to them with their different ideals of life and conduct as it is to us now. In fact, the strangest thing about the Bible is the grip it always has had upon men of every time and every country and every race and every condition. Other books are good for a season. This has been good for an age and shows no signs of obsolescence.

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It increases the wonder of all this to remember that it was not our book in the beginning, that it was born in Asia among a Semitic people, that the air of the desert has blown over it, that the scent of pomegranates and olives, of the grapes of Eschol and of the sycamores and cedars of Lebanon breathe through it, that it is a thing of oriental mystery under its seeming simplicity. We English have not the traditional instinct of subtlety or the quality of mystery in our nature, and, yet, alien as it is and forever will be in many ways, we have taken it and embedded it in our history and our character.

No greater songs ever have been written, no greater histories penned, no greater heroism recorded, no greater chain of events delineated than is to be found here. There is a shout for the victorious and a requiem for the conquered and an epilogue to the whole human story. Those who doubt will find an answering doubt in *Ecclesiastes*. Those who have doubted and come through it find a heroic and greater philosopher-friend in *Job*. Those who have felt the longing for consecration and inspiration will feel their hearts kindle with those of David and Daniel.

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In this book lives the genius of many men whose names were "writ in water." Who wrote Deuteronomy? Ruth? Kings? Proverbs? Many of the Psalms? Hands and brains that have gone down into oblivion but whose words are "more lasting than brass or the tombs of the Pharaohs."

Traveling Libraries.

MANY of the States will hold legislative sessions during the present winter, which should afford opportunity for progressive legislation along library lines. Nearly every State in the Union now has a State Library Commission or a State Library that does commission work, but the clubwomen in States that are still without such helpful organizations should avail themselves of the opportunity of the legislative sessions at this time to secure the enactment of commission laws. Many State Federations that have tried to secure State library commissions have made the mistake of asking for too large an appropriation at the outset. The amount should be small at the start, the commission earning its way to larger appropriations through the work done. Copies of the original laws through which State library commissions were established in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Wisconsin and other States may be secured upon application to the various State library commissions at the capital cities of each. There are some States that are still without any laws enabling communities to establish free

public libraries. Such States should receive the immediate attention of the clubwomen within their borders.

Again, there is no law in many States that allows the establishment of traveling library systems either by State or county. The Library Extension Committee will send copies of laws in this connection to any club desiring them. It will also send lists of books suitable for traveling library systems to clubs that are maintaining such for their home communities.—*L. E. Stearns, Madison, Wis.*

RECIPROCITY BUREAU.

[All programs and papers received by this bureau are acknowledged in this department. These programs and papers are intended for exchange among clubs, and may be secured upon application to *The Keystone*, when accompanied by ten cents for postage.]

Miscellaneous Program—The Students' Club, Aiken, S. C., 1910.

Spanish Life—Sweden—As outlined by Bay View Reading Course, 20th Century Club, Bennettsville, S. C., 1910-1911.

Current Topics—The Century Club, Charleston, S. C., 1910-1911.

Literature on Jewish Subjects—Council of Jewish Women, Charleston, S. C., 1910-1911.

Fiction Which Lives and Current History of Some of the World's Rulers—Thursday Club, Charleston, S. C., 1910-1911.

Messages from Victorian Authors—Memminger Alumnae Association, Charleston, S. C., 1910-1911.

Scotland—The New Century Club, Columbia, S. C., 1910-1911.

United States—The Woman's Club, Gaffney, S. C., 1910-1911.

Carlyle and His Age—The Thursday Afternoon Club, Greenville, S. C., 1910-1911.

England and Her People—The Rotary Book Club, Greenville, S. C., 1910-1911.

Japan—The Cateechee Club, Greenwood, S. C., 1910-1911.

The Victorian Era—The Perihelion Club, Rock Hill, S. C., 1910-1911.

American Literature—Papyrus Club, Marion, S. C., 1911.

The Greek Drama—The Monday Afternoon Club, Rock Hill, S. C., 1910-1911.

England—Over The Teacups, Rock Hill, S. C., 1910-1911.

Portugal—Over The Teacups, Spartanburg, S. C., 1910-1911.

Italian and French Operas—The Woman's Music Club, Spartanburg, S. C., 1910-1911.

Wagner, Strauss, Bruck, Brahms, Schuman—The Culters Music Club, Sumter, S. C., 1910-1911.

France and Austria—The Paul Hayne Circle, Walhalla, S. C., 1911.

Women on the Stage and Women in the Audience—Paper, Mrs. R. Q. Merrick. The Thursday Club, Greenville, S. C. One of the successful papers in State Literary Contest.

- The Unappropriated Blessing*—A paper, Mrs. Lapham. The Century Club, Charleston, S. C.; one of the successful papers in State Literary Contest.
- The Speech of the People*—A paper, Mrs. Ball. The Century Club, Charleston.
- The Hero as Man of Letters*—A paper, Mrs. H. Goldsmith. The Thursday Afternoon Club, Greenville.
- The American Woman as an Author*—Rotary Book Club, Greenville.
- The Ideals of Wm. Morris*—Miss Taylor, The Memminger Alumnae Association, Charleston.
- Ruskin's Adjustment of Art to Everyday Life*—Miss Strohecker, The Memminger Alumnae Association, Charleston.
- Giotto*—Mrs. W. H. Wallace, The Woman's Club, Newberry, S. C.
- Boulevards*—Mrs. R. W. Memcaster, Civic League, Florence.
- Sidney Lanier*—Mrs. H. M. Ayer, Research Club, Florence.
- English Inventors of the 19th and 20th Centuries*—Mrs. Edwards, The Papyrus Club, Marion.
- The History and Significance of Children's Toys and Games*—Mrs. T. M. Douglas, Palmetto Club, Chester.
- Illiteracy in the South*—Mrs. R. E. Houston, Thursday Club, Greenville.
- The Scope of Sociology*—Mrs. T. C. Gower, Thursday Club, Greenville.
- The Spirit of the Revolution as Expressed by Patrick Henry*—Mrs. H. M. Ayer, The Research Club, Florence.
- South Carolina Women in Literature*—Mrs. L. M. Ligon, Dixie Club, Orangeburg.
- The Renaissance*—Mrs. J. H. Harms, The Woman's Club, Newberry.
- The Greek Church*—Mrs. W. Y. Fair, The Woman's Club, Newberry.
- The Awakening of the East*—Miss Wagener, The Century Club, Charleston.
- Victoria*—Mrs. A. E. Smith, The Perihelion Club, Rock Hill.
- Floral Feasts and Festivals*—Mrs. M. W. Jamison, Catechee Club, Greenwood.
- American Sculptors*—A paper.
- Robert Burns*—Miss H. Glaze, Dixie Club, Orangeburg.
- The Value of the Literary Club*—Louisa B. Poppenheim.
- Value of a Vote—Motions Not Debatable*—Louisa B. Poppenheim.
- Jane Welsh Carlyle*—Mrs. R. A. Thayer, The Thursday Afternoon Club, Greenville.
- Woman in Progress of Civilization*—By George Miles Cooke.
- New Testament Literature*—An outline study, by Mrs. Clifton E. Whitney, presented by Literature Committee G. F. W. C.
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- An Analytical Reference on the Labor Problem and on Socialism*—By A. B. Wolfe, presented by Literature Committee G. F. W. C.
- The 19th Century Scientific Writers*—A literary study, by Allan R. Benham, presented by Literature Committee G. F. W. C.
- Outline Study Course in Modern Drama, Beginning With the 19th Century*—By Mary Gray Peck, presented by Literature Committee G. F. W. C.
- Synopsis of Lessons in Modern Drama.*
- American Education and Democracy*—By Frances Squire Potter.
- Commission Government*—Defined and discussed, The Charleston Community Club.
- A Premier of the Civil Service and the Merit System*—By The Women's Auxiliary to the N. Y. Civil Service Reform Association.
- The Dutch West India Company and the Manors on the Hudson*—Program, Lucy M. Salmon.
- Go Tell Other Girls*—A message from the women of Philadelphia to the mothers and fathers of America, published by Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Social Diseases.
- Athletics for Girls*—By Mrs. Frank M. Roessing and Elizabeth Burchenal.
- The Historical Museum*—Lucy M. Salmon.
- The Literature in the Old Testament*—By Frances Squire Potter.
- The Smoke Nuisance and the Law*—By Cyrus Locher, Esq.
- Franz Peter Schubert*—By Arthur Elson, presented by the Music Committee G. F. W. C.
- Classic Drama*—By the Literature Committee G. F. W. C.
- Do Women's Clubs Really Benefit a Community*—An address by T. R. Waring, editor of *Charleston Evening Post*, before the Council of Jewish Women.

Under the Library Lamp.

THE reading hour in every home may be made useful and cultural by a careful selection of current literature, and the books and magazines read in a home direct many of the opinions and views of that home.

"Home Life in Holland," by D. S. Meldrum, is one of the most satisfactory books recently issued treating of the domestic life, social conditions, agricultural pursuits, political affairs, educational system and colonial policy of the land of wooden shoes and waterways. The chapter on Dutch Interiors is especially interesting, giving the minute details of Dutch family life through each hour of the day and showing up the influence of the Dutch woman in forming the national character. The author has made careful research in tracing the history of the origin and gradual disappearance of the charmingly quaint Dutch costumes which have been the delight of the tourist in years gone by. The chapters on the system of Dutch education are most suggestive, and one is especially impressed by the one treating of the history of the University of Leyden, showing the wonderful influence of that poor, plain little university upon the scholarship of the world. The book is one which should especially appeal to all who contemplate a visit to Holland. Mr. Meldrum knows his Dutchman in all grades of society and makes the Boer and the land of dykes take on a new significance by piercing the mists and introducing us to the Dutchman in his home. Twenty-six very satisfactory illustrations add to the interest of the book.

(Cloth, \$1.75. The Macmillan Co., 66 Fifth Ave., New York City.)

"*Monna Lisa*" appeared just before the theft from the Louvre of Leonardo da Vinci's famous portrait *Monna Lisa*, and has attracted universal attention. The book is written by an American author under an assumed name, Guglielmo Scala, and is in diary form, supposedly rescued from an old manuscript discovered in one of the old Florentine palaces. The author has presented such a vivid picture of the great da Vinci and of Florence that the publishers have inserted a note explaining that the whole book is fiction and not really Leonardo da Vinci's diary. Leonardo tells of his early life and study of women in a vain quest to find "the woman soul," and through the influence of his pupil, "Scala," Madonna Lisa Gioconda is discovered. After working on her portrait for two years, and constantly studying the woman, the great artist achieves his goal, as the woman soul passes away. Those who have felt the spell of Leonardo's masterpiece in portraiture will find this book a source of added pleasure in understanding the message of the great master.

(Cloth, \$1.00. Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., New York City.)

"*Dionis of the White Veil*," by Caroline Brown, author of "*Knights in Fustian*," is a thoroughly interesting book full of romance and adventure. A novice makes a most picturesque heroine, and the author has chosen for her setting a pilgrimage of the *Usurines* from Northern France as missionaries to the savages in the New World in 1725. A daring chevalier, by chance, becomes one of the party, with the priests and nuns, and immediately falls in love with the charming young woman. The trials of the voyage over, the experiences in the wilderness, the massacre by the Indians and the miraculous rescue of "*Dionis*" all make fascinating reading. The story is full of incident, love and adventure, and the author has told it in a clear straightforward manner, holding our attention from the beginning to end.

(Cloth, \$1.50. L. C. Page & Co., Boston, Mass.)

"*Babes and Blossoms*," by Walter Copeland, with illustrations by Charles Robinson, is a fascinating book for little tots just learning to read. Each page has a few simple lines in verse appropriate to some flower, and the flower is reproduced on the page in color instead of printing the name to complete the rhyme. This innovation and the numerous full page illustrations make the book of unusual pleasure and interest to little children. A list of the flowers used is given in place of an index and a few lines descriptive of the flowers and their growth make the book instructive as well. Mothers are advised to look at this book before deciding upon their Christmas presents for the little ones.

(Cloth. H. M. Caldwell & Co., New York City.)

"*Elsa's Gift Home*," by Edith A. Sawyer, author of "*The Christmas Maker's Club Series*," may be considered a sequel to this popular story or a continuation of the doings of these happy young people. "*Elsa*" and her friends, boys and girls, have the true idea of happiness, and while enjoying themselves give pleasure to many others. This is pre-eminently a girl's book, and is a delightfully bright and satisfactory story. The style is simple, appealing to the youthful reader and there is a charming healthy atmosphere about the whole book.

(Cloth. L. C. Page & Co., Boston, Mass.)

"*Caldwell's Boys and Girls at Home*" is a charming book for the little people made up of a collection of stories by a number of authors, some fairy stories, some stories about animals and some about flowers, and some poems, but in every case something to interest the children. There are numerous illustrations in color, the language is always the simplest and the type large and open, especially appealing to the young reader. This is a fascinating collection of good stories, arranged in most attractive form, and will prove a most acceptable Christmas present for the small boy or girl.

(Cloth. H. M. Caldwell & Co., New York City.)

"*Hood's Texas Brigade*," by J. B. Polley, is a most valuable and interesting history of this gallant and famous command. Mr. Polley, a member of the brigade, was selected by the brigade as its historian and is known in a literary way by his "*Soldier's Letters to Charming Nellie*," published in the Southern historical papers. He has done his work with spirit and great care, giving a sketch of the organization of the brigade, which was made up of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Texas, Eighteenth Georgia, Third Arkansas and the Hampton Legion; the changes made in it during its service, on account of the battles in which it took part, the accounts corroborated by the official reports bearing upon the battles, and a roster of the membership of the three Texas regiments, with lists of the killed and wounded in each battle, and portraits of many officers and privates. It is to be regretted that in these rosters and lists and portraits the author did not also include the members of the Hampton Legion, Eighteenth Georgia and Third Arkansas. Besides these facts Mr. Polley has included many amusing incidents of camp life, which make the book read like romance. Few commands experienced as many engagements and few achieved such distinction for daring and bravery. Such histories are of great value to the student of this critical period of history, and the entertaining form in which this one is written will appeal to the general public. Although it is a record of facts and actual events, it reads like fiction, and the children of these brave and suffering soldiers are proud of their glorious heritage.

(Cloth, 347 pages, \$3.50. The Neale Publishing Co., New York City.)

"*The Dangerous Age*" is a series of letters and fragments from a woman's diary, translated from the Danish of Karin Michaelis. Marcel Provost's introduction for the French edition claims that in all the countries of Central Europe this is the most widely read novel at the present moment, he compares it with "*La Crise*," by Octave Feuillet, and comments on the unusual emotion shown in a Scandinavian of the far North. The chief literary merit of the book is its *feminine* thought, its *feminine* outlook. The book is daring and shows the possible dangers for a woman after forty. The letters are suggestive of Marie Bashkerteff in their unreserved open expression of feeling, some are painful and ironical, but the end of all is despair. The book has a most depressing and abnormal atmosphere, and suggests the writing of a neurasthenic—a possible condition of a self-centered idle woman, but a rare type in this day of the modern woman with her keen and awakened sense of civic, social and moral responsibility. The book is provocative of much discussion; suffrage, women's clubs, philanthropy and higher education will prove panaceas for this possible condition of woman.

(Cloth, \$1.20. John Lane Company, New York City.)

"*The Land of Let's Pretend*" is an interesting collection of children's poems, by Carl Werner, which have previously appeared in *Puck*, *Scribner's*, *St. Nicholas*, *The Youth's Companion* and *The Delineator*. The poems are intended to be read to children and are about animals, flowers, toys, the Shadow Man, and all the things the little ones are interested in. The numerous illustrations by Laura E. Foster and the fascinating cover and binding are sure to appeal to the little folks, and this book promises to be one of the most popular holiday books.

(Cloth. H. M. Caldwell & Co., New York City.)

"*A Confederate Surgeon's Letters to His Wife*," by Spencer Glasgow Welch, surgeon Thirteenth S. C. V., C. S. A., is a collection of letters written by Dr. Welch from the battlefields of Virginia from May, 1862, to November, 1864, to his young wife in South Carolina. There are many South Carolina names mentioned and the letters are printed just as they were written, except for some few eliminations of subjects of a purely personal nature. These letters tell in a natural and vivid way of the camp life and battlefield experiences of a Confederate soldier and are original sources which bear valuable testimony for Confederate history. The compiling and editing of the letters were done by Dr. Welch's daughter, Mrs. R. D. Wright, of Newberry, S. C., who served the South Carolina Division, U. D. C., so efficiently as its president in 1907-1909. Mrs. Wright publishes the little volume of 121 pages on the golden anniversary of her parents' marriage, and it is for private circulation only. The little book will be a highly prized addition to any Confederate collection.

The October *Woman's Home Companion* contains the first chapter of a new serial, "*The Poor Lady*," by Mary E. Wilkins Freeman. In the same number a well-known financial authority describes the snares set by dishonest business concerns to catch women investors, and tells many stories of real life illustrating his points. Other notable articles are: "*Experiments in Spending*," "*The Moving-Picture Show*," "*Money-Making at Home*" and "*Women Painters of America*."

THE OUTLOOK continues to hold the interest and attention of the reading public, and while some of us at times may differ with its point of view, it is always a source of intellectual stimulation. With Hamilton W. Mabie, Dr. Lyman Abbott and Mr. Roosevelt on its editorial staff it presents opinions on subjects literary, religious and political which occupy the attention of the leading minds of our day. It is one of the current magazines which those who once know it would feel at a loss to be without.

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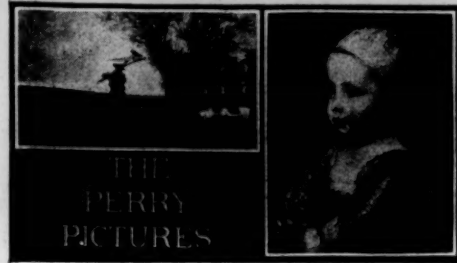
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